

Amendment to the Specification:

Prior to examination, please amend the specification as follows.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 25 as follows:

Here, the three waveguides 11b, 12b, 13b are arranged in their width directions, respectively, and the light emitting end surface of the waveguide 11b and the light incident surface of the waveguide 12b are positioned in the same plain, and the light emitting end surface of the waveguide 12b and the light incident surface of the waveguide 13b are positioned in the same plain. Further, a rectangular prism 21b which optically couples the waveguide ~~12~~11b and the waveguide 12b is disposed straddling the light emitting end surface of the waveguide 11b and the light incident side end surface of the waveguide 12b. Further, a rectangular prism 22b which optically couples the waveguide ~~11~~12b and the waveguide 13b is disposed straddling the light emitting end surface of the waveguide 12b and the light incident side surface of the waveguide 13b.